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Sheriff's Deputies Seize 425 Pounds of Marijuana Stacked Under Animal Feed Bags

One arrest was made

Laredo, Texas (Webb County) – On Wednesday, February 24th, 2010, at approximately 10 p.m., Webb County Sheriff's Deputies initiated a traffic stop Northbound on Highway 83 South. Sheriff's Deputies discovered 12 large bundles of green leafy substance in the bed of the pickup truck, believed to be marijuana. The bundles were stacked under several animal feed bags, after further investigation, Deputies also discovered \$2,042.94 in cash. The marijuana had an approximate weight of 424.8 pounds with an estimated street value of \$215,000. Arrested was Jesus Mata, 57, of Laredo, Texas. Mata was charged with possession of marijuana, Felony 2, Resisting Arrest, Class A Misdemeanor and Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, State Jail Felony.

"Our Deputies continue to be vigilant on the Highway in order to combat drug trafficking". Sheriff Martin Cuellar stated.

